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SUBJECT: MTN: JUNE 23-26 MEETING OF SUB-GROUP GRAINS

REF: STATE 146389

1. SUMMARY. THE MTN SUBGROUP GRAINS HELD ITS SECOND MEETING ON JUNE 23-26. THE GROUP ADDRESSED ITSELF PRIMARILY TO THE TOPICS OF STABILIZATION AND LIBERALIZATION. THE DISCUSSIONS WERE NOT CONCLUSIVE AND THE GROUP AGREED TO CONTINUE THEM AT ITS NEXT MEETING, TENTATIVELY SET FOR THE SECOND HALF OF OCTOBER. END SUMMARY.

2. THE MTN SUBGROUP GRAINS MET JUNE 23-26. IT HELD SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS ON THE INTERRELATED ISSUES OF LIBERALIZATION AND STABILIZATION IN THE GRAIN SECTOR. LESS EMPHASIS WAS PUT ON THE TREATMENT OF LDC'S. THE ATMOSPHERE WAS ANIMATED BUT NOT UNFRIENDLY.

3. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING, THE EC TRIED TO BELITTLE THE U.S., CANADIAN AND AUSTRALIAN PROPOSALS FOR LIBERALIZATION ASSERTING THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF LIBERALIZATION IS DEVOID OF MEANING. HOWEVER, AFTER THE U.S. REBUTTED THIS EC ASSERTION BY DEFINING LIBERALIZATION IN TERMS OF LANGUAGE OF THE ROME TREATY, THE EC ACKNOWLEDGED THAT LIBERALIZATION, E.E. QUOTE THE PROGRESSIVE ABOLITION OF RESTRICTIONS ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND THE LOWERING OF CUSTOMS BARRIERS UNQUOTE IS A MAJOR OBJECTIVE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS ON GRAINS.

4. THE EC ALSO ENDEAVORED TO INJECT IN THE MTN GROUP DISCUSSION CERTAIN ISSUES AND APPROACHES SET FORTH IN THE CANADIAN AND AUSTRALIAN PAPERS SUBMITTED TO THE LONDON PREPARATORY COMMITTEE. HOWEVER, THESE ENDEAVORS FAILED WHEN CANADA AND THE U.S. INSISTED THAT THE TIME HAS NOT YET COME TO INTEGRATE THE RESULTS OF WORK PRESENTLY GOING ON IN THE IWC INTO THE GENEVA WORK.

5. THE EC PROPOSAL FOR A COMMODITY AGREEMENT ON GRAINS RECEIVED BROAD ATTENTION BUT WAS WIDELY CRITICIZED ON ACCOUNT OF THE LACK OF PROVISIONS FOR ACCESS COMMITMENTS. ONLY JAPAN SUPPORTED THE COMMUNITY APPROACH.

6. THE U.S. AND CANADIAN PROPOSALS FOR APPROACHES TO LIBERALIZATION WERE ALSO WIDELY DISCUSSED (SEE SEPTTEL FOR INITIAL U.S. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STATEMENT). HOWEVER, THE U.S. PROPOSALS FOR PRIORITY CONSIDERATION OF VARIABLE LEVIES, MIP'S, EXPORT SUBSIDIES AND SECURITY OF SUPPLY, WHILE FORMALLY SUBMITTED, WERE NOT EXPRESSLY INCLUDED IN THE WORK PROGRAM FOR THE NEXT MEETING. IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT THE WORDING OF THE INITIAL WORK PROGRAM SHOULD NOT BE SPECIFICALLY AMENDED IN ORDER TO AVOID NEW CONTROVERSIES. THE GROUP WOULD CONTINUE TO ADDRESS ITSELF IN THE NEXT MEETING TO THE THREE INTERRELATED ISSUES OF

STABILIZATION, LIBERALIZATION AND DIFFERENTIATED TREATMENT OF THE LDC'S WITH THE GENERAL UNDERSTANDING THAT THE U.S. PROPOSALS WOULD BE TAKEN UP AT THIS OCCASION.

7. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN WOULD GIVEN AN ORAL REPORT OF THE GROUP'S WORK TO THE AGRICULTURE GROUP AT THE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JULY 9. THIS ORAL REPORT, ACCOMPANIED BY A NOTE OF THE SECRETARIAT, WILL BE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

A. THE SUBGROUP DISCUSSED THE THREE INTERRELATED TOPICS OF LIBERALIZATION, STABILIZATION AND TREATMENT OF THE LDC'S. IN ITS MEETING OF JUNE 23-26, THERE WAS A SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THESE TOPICS.

B. THE SUBGROUP AGREED TO CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION OF THESE THREE TOPICS, EXAMINING ALL THE ELEMENTS AND PROPOSALS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE AT ITS NEXT MEETING.

C. THE SUBGROUP REAFFIRMED ITS DECISION TO DEAL WITH ALL THE ELEMENTS OF ALL THE PROPOSALS THAT HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE MADE (FYI: THESE INCLUDE THE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS MADE BY THE U.S. AS PER REFTEL).

D. THE SUBGROUP REQUESTED THE SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE A SUMMARY DOCUMENT CONTAINING INFORMATION TO BE USED IN ITS WORK. (THIS SUMMARY DOCUMENT WILL INCLUDE, INTER ALIA, ALL EXPORT AND IMPORT MEASURES, INCLUDING VARIABLE LEVIES, MINIMUM IMPORT PRICES AND EXPORT SUBSIDIES. AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS, THE EC AGREED RELUCTANTLY TO HAVE ALL THESE MEASURES INCLUDED IN THE DOCUMENTATION.)

E. THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE FIXED IN CONSULTATION WITH DELEGATIONS. IT IS EXPECTED THAT IT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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